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SUBJECT: MODE-EVALUATION OF PERSONNEL LEVELS BY CHIEF
OF MISSION

REF: A) STATE 277164; B) MADRID 2501

- 1. I APPRECIATE RECEIVING REF A. HOWEVER, BEFORE MAKING FURTHER COMMENT, I SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THIS WILL BE A COORDINATED ACTIVITY OR WHETHER IT WILL BE ONE IN WHICH VARIOUS AGENCIES ARE ACTING ON THEIR OWN WITHOUT PRIOR COORDINATION.
- 2. IN THIS REGARD I WOULD INVITE YOUR ATTENTION TO REF. B IN WHICH I POINTED OUT THAT THIS MISSION HAD LEARNED AFTER THE FACT AND THROUGH A MESSAGE FROM USCINCEUR, RATHER THAN FROM WASHINGTON, THAT FURTHER SHARP CUTS IN THE STAFFING OF JUSMG-MAAG SPAIN ARE BEING PLANNED FOR LATER THIS YEAR AND IN WHICH I REQUESTED CLARIFICATION. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. THERE IS REALLY VERY LITTLE POINT TO A CHIEF OF MISSION SPENDING MUCH TIME STUDYING THE PERSONNEL LEVELS OF HIS MISSION AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS IF ALL SORTS OF ACTIVITIES AFFECTING HIS PERSONNEL LEVELS ARE UNDERWAY IN WASHINGTON ABOUT WHICH HE IS NEITHER INFORMED NOR CONSULTED. THUS BEFORE I DEVOLVE

FURTHER TIME TO THE QUESTION RAISED IN YOUR MESSAGE, I SHOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL NOT ONLY FOR A REPLY TO MY MESSAGE (REF B) BUT SOME CLEAR INDICATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT DOES IN FACT KNOW WHAT OTHER AGENCIES APPARENTLY HAVE ALREADY DECIDED. STABLER

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